NAME OF STATION	TARGET	ACTUAL
ANTA (GT)	1964	2097
AURIYA GT	2470	3245
DADRI GT	2656	3244
KAWAS GT	1848	1511
GANDHAR GT	1448	2410
TOTAL NTPC	82747	85370

Conference on improving health of the power sector

657. SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the outcome of conference on "Improving Health of the Power Sector" held in January 1997; and

(b) the measures proposed to solve the acute energy short-age in the country due to low plant load factor of thermal power stations, transmission losses and poor performance of the power sector?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI): (a) The Conference on "Improving the Health of Power Sector", while welcoming the adoption of Common Minimum National Action Plan for Power, inter-alia, recommended speedy reforms in the State Electricity Boards and Fuel Sector, setting up of appropriate institutional mechanism for independent regulators and steps to encourage private investment in distribution.

(b) To meet the actue energy shortages in the country, various steps which inter-alia, include additional capacity, encouraging private sector participation in power generation, better demand side management, energy conservation measures, renovation and modernisation of existing plants, reduction of transmission and distribution losses and effective utlisation of generation by transfer of power from surplus regions, if any, to defict regions through inter-regional links have been initiated by Government.

Liquid fuel policy

658. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the much publicised "Liquid Fuel Policy" announced by the Ministry of Power to meet the short term power shortages is likely to come a 'cropper' as reported in the 'Hindustan Times' dated 7th February, 1997;

(b) whether none of the liquid fuel fired power plants proposals worth 28,00 MWs are likely to take off the ground in the next one year;

(c) if so, what are the hurdles in the way of SEBs in development of small scale liquid fuel power projects; and

(d) whether inter-ministerial wrangles and absence of supportive policy are the main reasons?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) No, Sir.